

# City News

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Celebrate America's birthday with food, fun and fireworks at the City's annual 4th of July Blast, this year taking place at Lorbeer Middle School on Wednesday, July 4.

The patriotic event kicks off at 5 pm with live musical entertainment by top 40 Latin band Bumptown and culminates in a spectacular fireworks display choreographed to music starting promptly at 9 pm.

Cooking or use of grills is not permitted, however picnicking is allowed and concessions will be available for purchase from community nonprofits. Blankets or chairs are encouraged for lawn-seating.

For their safety and that of event attendees, **NO PETS** (except for registered assistance animals) will be admitted.

Free parking and ADA-compliant shuttle service is available beginning at 4 pm until the conclusion of the event at the following locations:

**Diamond Bar Park/Ride** –  
100 North Diamond Bar Boulevard

**Sycamore Canyon Park** –  
22930 Golden Springs Drive

**Diamond Bar Golf Course (after 6 pm)** –  
22751 Golden Springs Drive

**Calvary Chapel Golden Springs** –  
22324 Golden Springs Drive

**South Coast AQMD Headquarters** –  
21865 Copley Drive

**Gateway Corporate Center** –  
Street parking along Copley Drive

Also, in order to ensure continuous emergency vehicle access to event grounds and to maintain a safe travel path for event attendees, areas of Golden Springs Drive and Diamond Bar Boulevard will be subject to temporary road closures on the day of the event.

Event-goers are encouraged to allow plenty of time to arrive and park in the designated areas listed above, and are asked to be mindful of the businesses and residents in the immediate area.

Lorbeer Elementary is located at 501 Diamond Bar Boulevard. More information about the event, including planned road closures is available by visiting [www.diamondbarca.gov/4thofjuly](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/4thofjuly) or calling 909.839.7060.

## New Library to Open July 28 Special Event Planned

*Be among the first to tour the new library and enjoy a variety of indoor and outdoor festivities!*

Diamond Bar will reach a significant milestone this month with the opening of the County Library at its new location, the first level of the two-story Diamond Bar Civic Center at 21810 Copley Drive.

To celebrate the highly-anticipated opening, the City and County are teaming up to host a special Open House/Dedication Event on Saturday, July 28 from 10 am to 1 pm.

The event will open with brief remarks and celebratory ribbon-cutting by City and County officials, followed by indoor and outdoor festivities.

Indoors, Library staff will offer continuous facility tours, a host of activities for all ages and interests, and

opportunities for visitors to sign up for a free County Public Library card.

Outdoors, a Family Fun Area will include arts and crafts, games, face painting, balloons, and giveaways. Starting at 10:30 am, a Food Tent will provide free meals to the first 500 individuals.

For more details about the event, contact the City's Public Information Division at 909.839.7055.



## Free Concerts, Movies at Local Park

Sycamore Canyon Park will again be the hub of family fun and entertainment this summer when the City hosts its annual Concerts in the Park and Movies under the Stars!

Every Wednesday from July 11 through August 22 starting at 6:30 pm, the park will be the site of a free concert followed by a family-friendly movie at dusk.

Sycamore Canyon Park is located at 22930 Golden Springs Drive; free parking and shuttle service to and from the park will be available beginning at 5:30 pm at the Diamond Bar Golf Course, 22751 Golden Springs Drive.

Cooking or use of grills is not permitted, however picnicking is allowed and concessions will be available for purchase from community nonprofits. Blankets or chairs are encouraged for lawn-seating.

Event-goers are strongly discouraged from bringing their pets (excluding registered assistance animals) due to the loud, crowded nature of the event.

For more information or to view the concert or movie lineup, visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/specialevents) or call 909.839.7070.



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# New Fiscal Budget

## City Council Adopts New Budget

Diamond Bar City Council, at its regular meeting of June 5, adopted a new budget for fiscal year 2012-13 that takes a conservative approach to spending while maintaining essential services such as public safety, public works, and recreation.

The adopted \$20.3 million General Fund Budget, which went into effect July 1, projects a slight increase in expenditures from the previous fiscal year but provides for a \$24,667 contribution to the City's reserves.

As in past years, the largest share of the spending (approximately 30 percent) goes toward public safety services, which comprise law enforcement, volunteer patrol, fire protection, animal control, and emergency preparedness.

Street maintenance, traffic management, median modifications, and park and trail improvements are among the several capital improvement projects receiving expenditure appropriations for this fiscal year.

To view the budget in its entirety, visit the City in person at 21810 Copley Drive during the business hours of 7:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Thursday and 7:30 am to 4:30 pm on Friday, or online at [diamondbarca.gov/budget](http://diamondbarca.gov/budget).

## Goals & Objectives

Along with the adoption of the City's new municipal budget, the City Council also renewed its annual list of Goals and Objectives to pursue this fiscal year, which runs July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

The list, comprising challenges and legislative matters deemed by the Council to be among the most important of the fiscal year, includes both short-and long-term strategies that address traffic, fiscal responsibility, economic development, and communication.

Visit [www.diamondbarca.gov/councilgoals](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/councilgoals) to see the list.

## Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan

There's a new element to the City's budget – it's a Five-Year Capital Plan. The concept itself is not new, but rather the identification of the City's capital project needs and available resources beyond a single year-to-year basis.

This Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, in conjunction with other long-term planning tools that include the City's General Plan and Parks Master Plan, helps chart the way for the development and maintenance of the City's long-term facilities and infrastructure in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

Due to its nonbinding nature, staff will be able to revisit the Plan annually and update it, if needed, to reflect changes in economic conditions, availability of special funds, or variations in a project's scope of implementation schedule.

As it stands, the plan calls for the completion of more than a dozen projects in the areas of street maintenance, traffic management and safety, public works, and parks and recreation.

Project descriptions as well as spreadsheets identifying the capital project and funding source by category through fiscal year 2015-2016 is available online at [www.diamondbarca.gov/budget](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/budget).

# New Quick Card System

## Metrolink Rolls Out a New Way to Retrieve Train Passes



**METROLINK.**

Here's a reminder that Metrolink has officially rolled out its Corporate Quick Card, a new way for train riders to retrieve boarding passes. To accommodate this new system, the City's discounted transit pass sale program has been modified accordingly.

Starting in July, Metrolink riders who obtain their passes from City Hall will be issued a permanent wallet-sized Corporate Quick Card instead of a paper pass.

Once in possession of this card, riders will be able to activate their card every month by paying for the type of pass they want either online [www.diamondbarca.gov/transitsales](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/transitsales) or in person at City Hall during the pass sale period, which runs from the 25th of each month through the 10th of the following month.

Riders will then use their activated card to retrieve their boarding pass from any self-serve ticket vending machine found at all Metrolink stations. Every rider must have a pass prior to boarding a Metrolink train.

For more information about the City's Transit Pass Sale program, call 909.839.7045. For additional details about Metrolink's Quick Card, visit [www.metrolinktrains.com](http://www.metrolinktrains.com) or call 800.371.5465.

## Metrolink Fare Increase

Effective on or after July 1, 2012, Metrolink will implement a 7 percent system-wide fare increase to help close a \$13 million funding gap for its fiscal year 2012-13 budget. Metrolink anticipates the funds generated from the increase will generate \$4.5 million dollars; it will cover the remainder of the funding gap through increased subsidy from its five member agencies.

Since Metrolink fares are mostly mileage-based rather than zone-based, the impact of the fare increase varies depending on the type of ticket, distance traveled and where the trip begins and ends. Read more about the fare increase at [metrolinktrains.com/news](http://metrolinktrains.com/news).

## Monthly Safety Tips

Property crimes often occur when a criminal has the ability, desire, and opportunity. While little can be done about the ability or desire factors, there are steps you can take to reduce, if not eliminate, the opportunity.

Beginning with this issue of City News, you can count on a new tip every month to help you identify and do away with the opportunity.

Can you think of another useful safety tip? Submit it to [publicinfo@diamondbarca.gov](mailto:publicinfo@diamondbarca.gov).

## For Your Safety...

**Tip** – Continually alter your schedule. If you are in the habit of leaving your home unattended even if it is just long enough to go for a jog, walk your dog, or have coffee with the neighbor, it is a good idea to change the times so that your schedule does not become predictable.



Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station 909.595.2264  
(dial 911 for all EMERGENCIES)

# SCHOOL HAPPENINGS!

## Kindergarteners Saved Pennies to Help Poor

This spring, Walnut Elementary kindergarteners decided they wanted to make a difference and help a poor family across the globe.

First, they wrote letters to their families asking to do chores to earn extra money. For the past two months, the 25 students in Mrs. Marisa Koepp's class brought in their coins and dollars for the service project.

Ryan Lai, age 6, said it felt good helping the family and he wanted to give them bees so they could taste the honey!

Kindergartener Jackie Chu said he was proud of the money earned for the project. He washed the car all by himself and helped his mom wash the dishes.

When the class sorted and counted all the money they earned it totaled \$84.65! The youngsters decided to purchase and send a beehive kit through the Heifer International organization. The gift will enable the children to have sweet honey on their porridge and their families can also trade the honey for other items, Koepp explained.

"I am so proud our students!" their teacher said.

The students sent homemade cards with the donation and drew pictures about their project for their classroom bulletin board. What will they think of next? The youngsters also want to send flocks of chicks and ducks!

Abigail Alvarado decided to donate her birthday and Easter money. "I wanted to help," the six year-old said. "It will give them some chicks!"



Walnut Elementary kindergarten students Manuel Gonzalez, Hannah Hwang, Abigail Alvarado, Jessica Tordillo and Raymond Katchur with teacher Mrs. Marisa Koepp are ready to send their donation and handmade cards.

# Get Your Free Used Oil Recycling Kit

## Take Part in the "RECYCLING MADE EASY – Used Oil & Used Oil Filter" Campaign

If you own a personal or recreational vehicle, truck, motorcycle, boat, or riding lawn mower, and change the motor oil yourself, there's a free recycling kit waiting for you to claim it.

Beginning July 9, 2012, the City will begin distributing free oil recycling kits at City Hall – 21810 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar Center – 1600 Grand Avenue, and Concerts in Park (Wednesday evenings July 11 to August 22) – 22930 Golden Springs Drive.

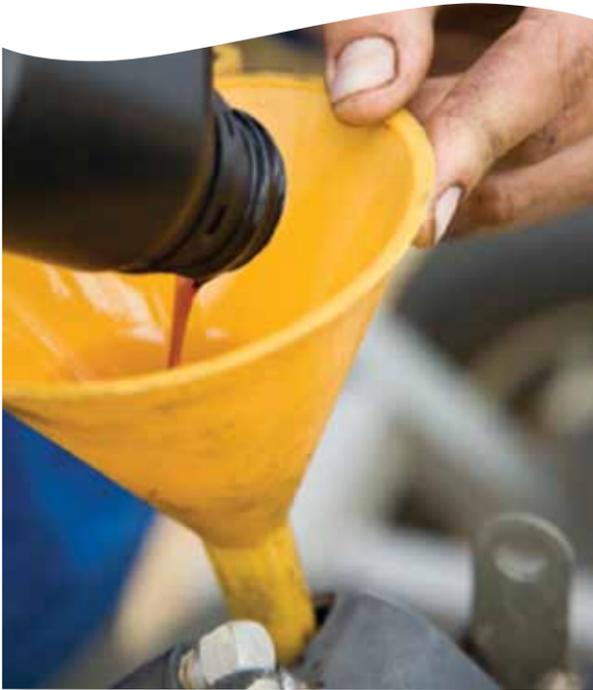
Each kit consists of a used oil drain container\*, shop rags, funnel, loop filter wrench, and disposal bag. The limited number of kits will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis until supplies are depleted.

This distribution is part of the City's new "RECYCLING MADE EASY – Used Oil & Used Oil Filter" campaign aimed at promoting the ease and efficiency of properly disposing of used oil through free curbside pick-up or local drop-off services.

Free used oil and filter collection is available either curbside or door-to-door, with advance notice, from both of the City's contract waste haulers – Waste Management (800.266.7551) and Valley Vista Services (800.442.6454).

Local drop-off service is available at any State-certified collection center, including AutoZone, 303 S Diamond Bar Boulevard (909.396.4682), Firestone Store, 1150 S Grand Avenue (909.861.4140), and Jiffy Lube, 2845 S Diamond Bar Boulevard (909.869.7273). Calling the centers before taking your oil and filters is recommended.

The RECYCLING MADE EASY – Used Oil & Used Oil Filter campaign is funded by a grant from CalRecycle. For more information, contact the Public Works Division at 909.839.7040.



### Did you know?

- Motor oil doesn't wear out, it just gets dirty; it can be cleaned of contaminants and recycled indefinitely.
- Oil filters contain steel, a valuable nonrenewable resource, and can be crushed and recycled into other products.
- No other substances should ever be allowed to mix with used oil because contamination by other chemicals may mean the used oil cannot be recycled.
- Motor oil that washes into storm drains can create a film on the surface of waterways, depriving aquatic life of necessary sunlight and oxygen.

For more information about recycling used oil and oil filters, visit [www.calrecycle.ca.gov](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov).

*\*Container holds 15 quarts, the equivalent amount of three oil changes – to keep for reuse, transfer contents into a clean plastic container with lid, such as a milk jug before placing curbside or calling for door-to-door collection. When taking to a collection center, you will be asked to empty used oil into a designated drum.*

## Pool Safety Reminders

School is out and children are looking for entertaining ways to keep cool, which more often than not includes spending time in or around a backyard pool.

But before bringing out the stashed swimwear and water toys, the City together with the Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Department urges adults to make pool safety a priority by taking the following steps:

- ✓ Ensure that the pool area is fully enclosed by a fence at least five feet high and equipped with a self-closing, self-latching gate to keep children out when there is no supervision. As an extra security measure, consider installing an alarm that alerts of entry into the pool area. Contact the City's Building & Safety Division (909.839.7020) to obtain a copy of fencing standards before installing a new pool or spa.
- ✓ Designate a responsible adult, preferably one with CPR certification, to watch the pool when in use. Never leave children alone in or near the pool without adult supervision, regardless of their swimming experience. The American Red Cross San Gabriel Pomona Valley Chapter (800.733.2767) offers a range of health and safety training, including First Aid and CPR.



*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention statistics reveal that every day, about ten people die from unintentional drowning. Of these, two are children aged 14 or younger.*

- ✓ Establish and enforce pool area rules against dangerous behaviors such as running, pushing, and dunking.
- ✓ Keep rescue devices, including a shepherd's hook and life preserver, as well as first aid supplies and a wireless phone near the pool. Everyone should know how to use lifesaving equipment, and emergency numbers and CPR instructions should be posted in a visible location.

A three-minute video on pool safety produced by the City in collaboration with the Diamond Bar Sheriff's Team is available for viewing on the City's website [www.diamondbarca.gov/videos](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/videos) and official Youtube channel [www.youtube.com/diamondbarca](http://www.youtube.com/diamondbarca).

## Library Completes Civic Center

The relocation of the library from its current location at 1061 S. Grand Avenue will complete the Diamond Bar Civic Center, which has housed City Hall on the second floor since January 3, 2012.

The City purchased the building in September 2010 with the dual goal of addressing space needs for City operations and creating a new home for the nearly 40 year-old library branch.

With more than 27,000 square feet of space, the new Diamond Bar Library is triple the size of its former location, and boasts 83,528 books and materials, 37 public computer workstations (6 of which are early literacy computers for ages 7 and under) with free WiFi Internet access, and three self-checkout stations. The library will share access to the Center's multi-purpose room for special library programs.

It also features separate areas for adults and two youth sections – one for children with kid-sized reading chairs and another for teens with a Wii and PlayStation video game consoles as well as an outdoor Reading Garden featuring the 1977 art tile mural that previously decorated the entrance of the former library building.

The Library is expected to receive Silver level LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council in recognition of the sustainability practices that were incorporated throughout the design and construction process.

These practices included using building materials made from recycled content and installing energy saving features such as energy-efficient heating and air conditioning systems, and a low-flow plumbing system.

Effective Monday, July 30, 2012, the new library address will be 21800 Copley Drive (entrance located behind City Hall building). Its existing phone number 909.861.4978 and operating hours of Monday through Thursday 12 noon to 9:00 pm and Friday and Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm will remain unchanged.



*The future use of the former location will be determined by County officials since the building is County of Los Angeles property.*

## Free Property Vacation Check

If out-of-town vacationing is in your plans this summer, the Diamond Bar/Walnut Sheriff's Station encourages you to take advantage of its Vacation Check service. This free service involves a Sheriff's deputy or trained Volunteer on Patrol monitoring your property at least once a day while you are away.

As part of its courtesy property inspection, the uniformed Sheriff's representative checks for unlocked windows or doors, evidence of possible forced entry, and any other suspicious activity.

To further protect your home while you are away, the Sheriff's station suggests postponing delivery or having one of your neighbors pick up your mail or newspapers to prevent it from piling up; and installing exterior lights that operate on a dawn-to-dusk or timer function to create the illusion that you are home.

Vacation Check Request Forms can be completed over the telephone by calling the Sheriff's Station at 909.595.2264 or in person at 21695 E. Valley Boulevard in Walnut.

# Find it Fast Phone Directory

<b>City Services</b>	<b>909.839.7000</b>
City Council	909.839.7010
Building & Safety	909.839.7020
City Clerk's Office	909.839.7010
City Manager's Office	909.839.7010
Community Development	909.839.7030
Community Services	909.839.7060
Facility Reservations	909.839.7070
Finance	909.839.7050
Human Resources	909.839.7018
Library	909.861.4978
Neighborhood Improvement	909.839.7030
Planning	909.839.7030
Post Office	909.860.2469
Public Information Office	909.839.7055
Public Safety Services	909.839.7076
Public Works/Engineering	909.839.7040
Recreation Services	909.839.7070
Senior Services	909.839.7068
Transit Information	909.839.7045
Voter Registration	562.462.2748
<b>Business Information:</b>	
Business Licenses	909.839.7030
Chamber of Commerce	909.869.0701
<b>School Districts:</b>	
Pomona Unified	909.397.4700
Walnut Valley Unified	909.595.1261
<b>Utilities:</b>	
So Cal Edison (electric)	800.611.1911
So Cal Gas (gas)	800.427.2200
Time Warner (cable TV)	888.892.2253
Verizon (telephone)	800.483.5000
Walnut Valley Water	909.595.7554
Waste Disposal:	
Valley Vista (businesses)	800.442.6454
Waste Management (residents)	909.599.1274
<b>Public Safety:</b>	
Animal Control	909.623.9777
Fire (LA County)*	909.629.9671
Police (LA Co. Sheriff)*	909.595.2264
Vector Control	562.944.9656
<b>24-Hour Hotlines:</b>	
Building Inspection	909.839.7027
Employment Opportunities	909.348.8300
Field/Weather	909.348.8310
Graffiti Removal	800.794.7384

\*For emergencies, dial 9-1-1



## Calendar Key

- City Council Meeting\* - starts at 6:30 pm
- Planning Commission Meeting\* - starts at 7 pm
- Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting\* - starts at 7 pm
- Traffic & Transportation Commission Meeting\* - starts at 7 pm
- Transit Late Night - City Hall open until 7 pm
- Street Sweeping Week
- \*\* Concerts in the Park/Movies Under the Stars - Details on page 1

## July 2012

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\*City Council meetings take place at the AQMD/Government Center (21865 Copley Drive), while City Commission meetings are held at Diamond Bar City Hall (21810 Copley Drive). Additional event and meeting details are available at [www.DiamondBarCa.gov/eventcalendar](http://www.DiamondBarCa.gov/eventcalendar)



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**Mayor Pro Tem**..... Jack Tanaka  
**Council Member**..... Ron Everett  
**Council Member**..... Carol Herrera  
**Council Member**..... Steve Tye  
**City Manager**..... James DeStefano

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## Snapshots Around The Community

**NEIGHBORHOOD PARK OPENS...**The newest addition to the city's park system burst with fun family activities on its official opening day – June 2, 2012. After listening to brief remarks by City officials, the youngest event attendees wasted no time in breaking in the playground equipment and partaking in a variety of fun activities organized by the City staff. Built on what was once a vacant 15,000 square-foot parcel of land, the new “passive” park will serve the neighborhoods in the vicinity of Washington Street and Lincoln Avenue. In addition to the play structure, park amenities include a gazebo with picnic tables and benches, barbecue grills, and water fountains. Its “green” features include a park-wide drip-irrigation system, LED lighting, rock-covered drainage system, also known as a bioswale. Photographed working the children's activity area is the City's Community Services Worker Kayla Norys.



## READY FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER...

A promising future is in store for Diamond Ranch High School's graduating class of 2012 whose graduation ceremony took place Thursday, May 31 at the Pomona Fairplex. Donning caps and gowns, the 452 seniors walked across the stage to receive their diplomas while proud family and friends cheered them on. The majority of graduates are continuing on to universities within the UC and Cal State systems, private colleges, and out-of-state universities, with a handful enlisting in the U.S. Armed Forces. Pictured on stage before receiving their diploma is (from left) Amanda Hong, Kristina Lee, Alexis Zeeman, Elaine Xin, Brendan Sio and Jimmy Bazzy.

Photo and caption contributed by the Pomona Unified School District

## Teen Night Out!

DB4Youth “In Action” invites local teens to spend a summer evening hanging out and enjoying music, friends, and games! From 7 pm to 10 pm on Friday, July 20, the City-sponsored teen group will transform Sycamore Canyon Park into an after-dark fun scene featuring DJ music, and a variety of prize-incentive activities including Big Foot racing, sumo wrestling, water balloon tossing, and dancing. Admission and participation is free; meals and snacks will be available for purchase. Glow necklaces will be sold for \$2 and studio-quality photography for \$10 per sheet.

DB4Youth “In Action” is a City-sponsored group formed in 2006 to encourage an active and community-oriented teen population. Aside from planning teen-oriented special events, the group's members regularly volunteer with local non-profits. Sycamore Canyon Park is located at 22930 E Golden Springs Drive. For more information about the event or to learn more about DB4Youth, call Community Services Coordinator Alison Meyers at 909.839.7062 or visit the City's website [www.diamondbarca.gov/db4youth](http://www.diamondbarca.gov/db4youth).



## August 2012

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